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A HEAVY STORM.

Buildings Blown Down, Roofs Carried Away, and Crops in General Damaged.

Hardest Rain in Years.

What was perhaps the most severe storm, surely the hardest rain, in years broke over Bloomsburg and vicinity on Saturday. The morning was hot and sultry, and while a covering of clouds overspread the sky, no one had any idea that a storm of such awful violence and severity was gathering. Suddenly the skies darkened, the wind blew a terrific gale, and the rain descended in torrents. Many said the downpour resembled a water-spout or cloud burst. Streets were transformed into streams, and pavements, particularly in the low places were completely inundated. It was impossible to see for more than half a block away, so fast did the rain come down. All along Main street, the water penetrated the large windows and ran down in streams before the goods could be removed. The most unfortunate in this respect were W. H. Moore, Ben Gidding and E. M. Savidge. The latter's entire window display of confectionary was ruined.

There was considerable damage done to buildings and trees in and about town. Several nice, large shade trees on Market street, were robbed of their symmetrical beauty, by the wind. Huge limbs were torn off and carried in some instances for fifty feet. A glance down Market street after the storm reminded one of a few years ago.

At the fair ground, a lot of the fence was blown down, about thirty panels all told, and the Cattle sheds were wrecked.

The Shaffer bridge, which spans Fishingcreek, just north of Bloomsburg, was a victim of the wind's fury, and a portion of the roof was carried away.

Traffic on the Columbia & Montour Electric Railway was blocked for several hours. Just below the bouble bridge, a large tree was blown down over the track. Its branches caught the feed wire and pulled it down nearly to the ground, but fortunately it did not break. On the Berwick division too, there was a lot of trouble. The substation was out of service as result of storm, and this curtailed the power to such an extent that considerable difficulty was experienced in handling the traffic which was unusually large. The storm appears to have travelled in a path. Frosty Valley suffered from its ravages. Stories of thrilling escapes from death are reported from that section. One that verges on the miraculous is that of Frank Emmett. The storm was at the wildest of its behavior, when he, riding a horse, was hurrying to shelter. Suddenly the wind caught him and he was lifted, horse and all from the road over into a field. The horse alighted squarely upon its feet and Mr. Emmett escaped without a scratch.

It was here that the storm was at its worst. Emmett's barn was leveled with the ground, and the roof was carried 200 feet away. The corn crib was completely destroyed, not a vestige of it was left standing. All about the place trees were torn up by the roots, which coupled with the wrecked buildings promised to make a scene of ruin that it is almost impossible to describe. Only a short distance from Emmetts, at the Schoch farm of which Samuel Lee is the tenant, a portion of the roof of the barn was blown off. On the Zimmerman farm, near by the barn was blown down, and the house on Wilmer Girtens farm was unroofed.

Mrs. Monroe Ikeler had left the house during the beginning of the storm to find her little boy, and returning, became bewildered and lost her way. She was rescued by her husband who was returning with the horses from the field. Here the wagon shed was demolished as was also its contents, including a good farm wagon. Back of the Ikeler home, on the Appelman farm, the destruction was awful, tree after tree was bent and twisted off, and what was before, a little forest, is now completely wiped out.

A peculiar fact in connection with

TOWN COUNCIL.

Friday Evening's Meeting was a Busy one.—Much Business Transacted.

Three new Ordinances.

Thursday night was the regular meeting night of the Town Council but there was not a quorum present and the meeting was postponed till Friday night. Friday night found members Reimard, Giger, Culp, and Cox present and President Towusend called the meeting to order. The first matter taken up was that of the sewer on Magee Avenue. This Mr. Townsend stated had been demanded by the residents, but now that it had been laid only two have made application to connect with it. It was decided that property owners be notified to connect with it at once.

William Chrisman appeared as one of the bondsmen for John K. Bittenbender, tax collector for 1896, and asked council for more time in which to raise the shortage. He stated that he and C. A. Klein, the other bondsman, had raised \$242.14 but that a balance of 432.63 still remained. Solicitor Ikeler had been instructed by council to collect these taxes, but the matter was laid over for another month.

In the matter of fixing the tax rate, it had been decided at a previous meeting to fix the rate at ten mills for suburban and five and one-half mills for farm. These rates were too high for suburban and farms. The suburban rate may not exceed two-thirds the rate for town tax nor may the farm rate exceed one-half the rate fixed for town. It was then decided to fix the rate for the town at ten mills, suburban, six mills and farm five mills.

Four new ordinances recently prepared by the solicitor were read by Secretary Quick and approved. The first, No. 120, fixed the rate of speed of trolley cars in the built up portion of the town at eight miles an hour. For the first violation the penalty is \$10 and \$20 for each subsequent offense. Said fines may be collected by law before any Justice of the Peace.

The second ordinance, No. 121, requires that fenders of recognized and approved style of manufacture be placed on all street cars operating in the town. Twenty-five dollars was fixed as the penalty for the first offense and fifty dollars for subsequent violations.

The next ordinance, number 122, authorizes the President of Council to contract with the property owners on Second street between Centre and Market streets for the paving of second street with vitrified brick between the east side of Market Square and the east side of Centre street. The property owners are to pay two-thirds of the cost, and the town one-third, less the portion the Street Railway Company is required to pay in by former ordinances.

The last ordinance, No. 123, requires that all companies having poles erected within the town, for the stringing of wires, be taxed fifty cents for each pole, except those poles made exempt from taxation by former ordinances or those poles upon which are strung the wires for the town's fire alarm system.

It further requires that each pole in the town now or hereafter erected be designated with the names or initials of the company to which it belongs with the number of each pole marked upon it in oil paint at the expense of the owner.

It further provides that every firm or corporation refusing to comply with the terms of the ordinance may be sued and damages recovered by law. This ordinance goes into effect September first. It was decided by the Council that the President of the Council and the Town Solicitor consult to fix the penalty for the violation of this ordinance.

Mayor Townsend said that as Mr. Yorks, who recently purchased the old Presbyterian church property on Market street, on the rear of which lot is located the barn used by the Winona Fire Company as a hose house, desired possession of the barn, that it would be necessary to secure new quarters for the fire company. It was therefore de-

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WM. H. HIDLAY, CASHIER.

A SUMMER COLONY.

Arbutus Park Transformed into a Cluster of Pretty Cottages.

Ideal Spot for an Outing.

Some years ago a small building was erected by W. B. Taylor out at the Irondale dam, and the place was christened Arbutus Park. The cottage was small, but from its location on the side hill it commanded a beautiful view of the pool of water formed in Fishing Creek by the back water from the dam, and of the surrounding hills. It was at first used as a sort of a club house where fishermen could go to enjoy the results of their angling, if there were any results, and where good meals were served by Mr. Taylor to his invited guests. Later on, the cottage was made more habitable and attractive and the owner's family used it as a summer home.

About three years ago the property was purchased by Robert Vanderslice, Fred Holmes and C. H. Kline, who proceeded to add to its attractions by building a new veranda, painting and other improvements, and the new owners have spent one of the summer months there each year since, and have rented it to other parties at such times as it was not occupied by them, during the hot season.

Others lately discovered the beauties of the place and there are now three other cottages there. L. N. Moyer and T. J. Vanderslice have erected a double building which is the most pretentious of them all. Dr. M. J. Hess has also put up a very neat cottage and Mrs. W. O. Holmes has one almost completed. They are all located on the hillside, above the B. & S. Railroad, among the trees where the sun rarely reaches them, and all command charming views. Water pipes are now being laid from a spring of cold sparkling water, and all the buildings will be supplied from this. A croquet ground has been laid out, and fishing, boating and bathing are some of the amusements in which the colonists indulge. There are two boats on the stream now, and several more will be added this week.

The embankment made by the electric light company at the dam has largely increased the size of the pool of water, which not only adds to the beauty of the view, but affords a much larger space for rowing. The removal of a coffer dam above will enable the boats to go up the stream quite a distance further.

Altogether this is an ideal spot for a summer outing, and the cottagers are enjoying it to the fullest extent. Those who were there last week were: E. H. Ent and wife, R. F. Vanderslice and family, C. H. Kline and family, T. J. Vanderslice and family, Miss Mary Veale of Hazleton, Mrs. Mintie Wilson, Miss Hal Sharpless, Frank Eyer and wife, Dr. M. J. Hess and family making over twenty people in the colony. The gentlemen for the most part spend the day in town at their business, going out at night.

Paths are being laid out and the underbrush cleared up, and other improvements are in progress, which when completed will add greatly to the attractiveness of the place. It was our pleasure to inspect these summer homes and to call upon the cliff dwellers a few evenings since. Our next visit will be made after the prospective paths are completed, because never having scaled the Alps and not being much of a

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mountaineer, we found some difficulty in landing where we wanted to go. There was no trouble in landing where we didn't want to go. All one has to do is to let go and slide, and he will land on the railroad track or in the creek. Those who were used to it, however, seemed to walk with as little difficulty as on the concrete pavements of Bloomsburg's streets. It is easy enough when you are used to it.

A naphtha launch would complete the boating outfit, and we understand that such an addition is in contemplation.

AN ORDINANCE WANTED.

Public Sentiment Strongly in Favor of Abolishing Fireworks on the Fourth.

It is gratifying to know that our article in last week's issue, on the subject of passing an ordinance to prohibit the use of firecrackers, revolvers and all explosives on July 4th as well as every other day in the year, has struck a popular chord. So far as we have been able to ascertain everybody is of the same opinion. Much additional testimony has been offered by people who saw exhibitions of rowdism, brutality and cowardice on the 4th, and there is a general demand that this thing be stopped. An ordinance is in course of preparation, and will soon be introduced in the council for its consideration.

Bloomsburg is not the only place where the abuse of the privileges of Independence Day has called forth public denunciation. The Lock Haven Democrat of last week says:

"If all other pleas should fail to move the authorities to perform their duty in the suppression of the rowdy shooters who make a pandemonium of the public thoroughfares on every recurring Fourth of July, the plea of humanity in behalf of the sick ought not to be unavailing. The poor sufferers lying ill in city houses ought to be protected; the nerve-racking explosion of firearms and cannon crackers under their windows is an infliction attended by the most serious and possibly fatal consequences. It is a needless cruelty which the tolerably well ought not to be compelled to endure; the exposure of the sick to the same is a crime."

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